

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0020]:

**[0020.1]** Figure 11 is a fragmentary cross-sectional view showing the interconnection of the gutter rear wall with the cover rear wall.

Please replace paragraph [0022] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0022]** Gutter 10 includes a generally U-shaped, open-top channel member 20 that is defined by a rear wall 22, a bottom wall 24, and a front wall 26. Rear wall 22 is substantially flat and is adapted to lie against the outer surface of fascia board 12 and to be secured thereto by a number of spaced fasteners 28, such as screws, nails, or the like, ~~only one of which is~~ as shown in Figure 1. Bottom wall 24 is substantially flat, extends outwardly from the lower edge of rear wall 22, away from fascia board 12, and is substantially perpendicular thereto. And front wall 26 extends generally upwardly from the outermost edge of bottom wall 24. As can be seen from Figure 1, front wall 26 has a vertical extent that is less than that of rear wall 22.

Please replace paragraph [0029] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0029]** Also included on bracket 38, at the upper end of first leg 40, is a generally upwardly-facing support surface 68 for supporting gutter cover 36 by limiting downward movement of the cover. Support surface 68 is preferably flat and can be defined by a laterally-extending flange 70 that extends between and interconnects flanges 50 and 52. Support surface 68 is inclined in a downward

direction from a plane defined by mounting surface 44 and extends toward a gutter front wall engagement means 96. The inclination angle of support surface 68 is from about 85° to about 65° relative to mounting surface 44.

Please replace paragraph [0038] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0038]** End panel 106 of cover 36 is a flat panel that is secured to respective brackets 38 by screws 108. End panel 106 includes a front edge 110 that is received on respective stop surfaces 92 of brackets 38. Stop surfaces 92 allow accurate positioning of front edge 110 of cover 36 so that cover forward end 104 is uniformly spaced from gutter upper end 30 along the entire length of the assembled gutter. ~~The~~ As shown in Figure 11, the inner end of cover 36 adjacent to building 14 has an upturned lip 112 that is secured relative to fascia board 12 by a series of spaced screws 28. Lip 112 of cover 36 is in the form of a flange that extends upwardly, relative to gutter channel 20, and is received in a downwardly-facing slot 114 that is formed by bending over the uppermost edge of gutter rear wall 22. Additionally, the inner end of cover 36 is also supported on its inwardly-facing surface and in a vertical direction by support surfaces 68 of respective spaced brackets 38.